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TITLE OF INVENTION: GENE ~~PARTICIPATING~~ INVOLVED IN GROWTH-PROMOTING FUNCTION OF ACETIC ACID BACTERIA AND UTILIZATION OF BACTERIA AND USES THEREOF

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